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SHORTAGE OF POWER SUPPLY
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of estimated shortage of power supply in the country during the summer season this year; and

(b) the measures taken up to manage the shortage?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : The estimated energy and peaking shortage during the summer season i.e. April- June, 2002 would be of the order of 7% and 12.5% respectively.

(b) : The Government has planned to make the country self-sufficient in power by the year 2012. The following steps are being taken to achieve this target:

(i) Renovation and Modernisation (R&M) and life extension of existing old andinefficient generating units. Special funds under the Accelerated Power Development Programme for undertaking R&M schemes are being provided to States.

(ii) Speedy implementation of Reforms & Restructuring in the Power Sector.

(iii) Early stabilization of newly commissioned generating units.

(iv) Reduction in Transmission and Distribution losses.

(v) Promoting energy efficiency and conservation measures.

(vi) Disbursement of loans by the Power Finance Corporation for improving operationand maintenance of thermal power stations under the Accelerated Generation Programme.

(vii) Expeditious implementation of capacity addition programme to enable doubling of the generation capacity by 2012.

(viii) Maximization of inter-state and inter-regional power transfer by construction of transmission links and system improvement and finally leading to formation of the National Grid.

(ix) Formulation of hydel policy for exploitation of hydro potential at a faster pace.